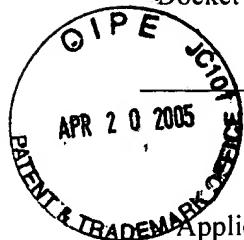


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1. Submission Required under 37 CFR 1.114:

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 ( ) Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).  
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RCE Fee		1801 (\$790)		\$790
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